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I find it interesting that now, after you made your decision, you permit comments on your to little to late actions.

While following this case not once did I see where it was mentioned all the third party software stolen by Microsoft and "added" to their Operating System. ICQ (now MS Message), MP3 (Winamp, MuchMusic, etc. and here they decided to lower the standard 128BPS), Java (They usurped the whole idea of java, making programs usable on ALL OSs, by changing the code so it wouldn't work on their own system). Internet Connection Sharing wasn't an MS idea, I bought that programming back in Win 95s day. Now its a feature? Another company product down the drain.

These are a few of many examples of Microsoft's brazen theft that seemed to be ignored, while they cry "foul".

And for punishment you are trying to give them a foothold in the Education market they ignored until Apple started showing it as a viable market? What about the businesses and programmers they put under?

Your punishment couldn't have been any better for Microsoft. Do you own stock?

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